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## OUTLOOK OF BUSINESS

Further Evidence of the Rapid Renewal of Trade Activity.

### GRATIFYING REDUCTION IN FAILURES

The Abandonment of Two of the Largest Combinations Additional Ground for Confidence—Others Likely to Follow.

New York, Dec. 5.—Dun's weekly review of the state of trade for the week just ending will today say: The classified failures of November, given to-day, show gratifying reduction compared with October, and are especially important as showing that the disturbance which swelled failures \$36,000,000 in August and September, did not prevent quick return to a monthly aggregate scarcely greater than that of May. Defaulted liabilities in eleven months have been \$193,738,459 against \$148,544,202 last year, the increase being only \$14,000,000 outside of those two months. The decline of failures to about 40 per cent. of the September aggregate gives stronger ground for the confidence so generally expressed. Ground for confidence is also found in the abandonment of two of the largest combinations by which the iron industry has been retarded, and the possibility that two others will be abandoned. Such a state of things suggests that these organizations, formed when depressed business failed to support all the works in existence, are not expected to survive a general revival and ample demand for products. The immediate effect of breaking prices is to check large buying of iron and steel products, but it will soon be seen about where prices are to range. The bar combination is still undersold by steel bars, and nothing is doing in rails, because the meeting shortly to be held will settle whether any price shall be fixed for next year. Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh is lower at \$11.75, and Grey forge at \$10, but there is large demand for vessel plates, both on foreign contracts and for the lakes. Several thousands cars have been ordered, and numerous new buildings and bridges. Leather, Coke, Wool.

The new demand for boots and shoes is so scanty that some works are about out of orders, though many still have enough, taken at old prices or a slight advance, to run through the year. Buyers generally decline to pay the larger advance now asked, and prices of leather do not yield. Hides at Chicago have again fallen about 5 per cent. and are scarcely higher than a month ago. Minor metals are a shade stronger. The coke combination has changed its method so that contracts are openly made below prices recently ruling, and there is some partition of consumers among the producing interests. Anthracite sells below the official circular, but better demand is expected with revival in manufacturing. Wool manufacture is waiting, and while more concerns are at work, the new demand improves but little with more favorable weather. Speculative sales of wool continue large, London prices having risen 10 per cent., and the average of 104 quotations by Coates Brothers is 13.66 cents against 12.92 a month ago. In the cotton manufacture there is little change, though goods are selling better, but with many added works production exceeds present demand.

Cotton and Wheat.

The market for raw cotton is weak with middling uplands an eighth lower. With over 4,750,000 bales in sight on December 1, when the crop is usually about half in sight, current estimates would leave only 3,500,000 more to come forward in nine months, and the larger consumption in mills does not advance prices. Other produce markets have been weaker. Wheat rose to the close last week, but gradually reacted, and broke sharply on Friday, closing at 2 1/2 lower for the week. Storms have some influence, but receipts for the week were only 2,961,821 bushels against 7,214,911 last year. Atlantic exports were slightly smaller, flour included, 1,992,467 bushels against 2,328,093 last year, but the sharp advance in prices would naturally check shipments. Milling returns at the four largest western centers show a decrease of 25,490 barrels for the week, and further decrease is expected owing to the diminishing export demand for flour.

### Monetary Affairs.

The treasury shows a deficit of \$8,050,000 for the month, and \$52,393,770 for eleven months, but has been much strengthened by receipts of gold in exchange for legal tenders of which the actual circulation has increased \$20,000,000. Compared with a year ago the increase in all circulation is \$52,000,000. Foreign exchange is kept strong by large operations which are virtually lending money to London, and the receipts of \$2,500,000 last week from the interior, with absorption of checks and payments of time loans on them, makes money plenty and cheaper. Of good commercial paper the supply is much below the demand, though large amounts have been taken, and the market for eastern will paper.

Failures for the week have been 379 in the United States against 324 last year and in Canada 55 against 52 last year.

### MAY END IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

San Francisco Sports Still Greatly Excited Over the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Fight.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The case of Wyatt Earp, who refereed the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight Wednesday night, and who was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, which he was compelled to hand over to Police Captain Wittman at the ringside, will come up Tuesday next. There is no end to the bad blood which exists over the outcome of the fight and it would not be surprising if it did not result in serious trouble. The disputed contest is still being fought over and over again on every street corner of San Francisco to-day. Professional men, merchants, horsemen, millionaires and men in every vocation of life, save churchmen, may be seen illustrating just how the Australian put the sailor to sleep. Sharkey is resting easily to-day and will be on the streets within a week. Dr. Tausig, physician of the National Athletic club, does not hesitate to assert that in his opinion Sharkey did not receive any such blow as his backers claim Fitzsimmons administered. Another leading physician who inspected the sailor is of the opinion that Sharkey was doped with iodine to bear out Earp's claim of foul. The purse has not yet been paid and from present indications there will be a legal battle which will eclipse the ring encounter. Such men as Adolph Sprechels and Major McLaughlin are behind Fitzsimmons and Julian, while Sharkey's supporters are few and inconsequential. To add to Fitzsimmons' troubles, suit has been instituted against him by J. J. Haur on a claim for \$905 held in judgment by Jimmy Carroll, the lightweight. Carroll was one of Fitzsimmons' trainers for his fight with Maher near El Paso. His bill for services was not paid.

### BOSTON FREE SILVERITES.

They Charge Fraud and Withdraw from the Contest for Places on the City Ticket.

Boston, Dec. 5.—There will be no silver municipal ticket in the field in this city. At the hearing before the election commissioners upon the protest against permitting the names of Knox, Barry, Miller, Plummer and Ryan, "democratic-Bryan-citizens," candidates for the board of aldermen, to appear on the official ballot a sensation was created by J. B. Moran, counsel for Mr. Barry, who announced that he and his client were satisfied that fraud had been committed in connection with the filing of the nomination papers. He further said it was evident that forgery had been committed in procuring names. He declared that Mr. Barry would have nothing further to do with the matter and withdrew his name. Counsel for some of the other candidates declared that their clients had no knowledge of irregular proceedings in connection with the nomination of affairs they had no desire to have their names remain on the ballot, and all the names were withdrawn.

### WHOLESALE POISONING.

Members of One Hundred Milwaukee Families Eat Bread Containing Arsenic.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 5.—The health department reports a wholesale poisoning of families in the northern part of the city. According to reports which reach the health department members of about one hundred families are ill, with all the symptoms of arsenic poisoning. The people who are sick had eaten bread purchased at a bakery establishment on Sherman street, and the physicians and others of the health department are inclined to attribute the origin of the wholesale poisoning to that source.

### Warden Granted a Reprieve.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 5.—Gov. Budd to-day issued a reprieve to Walter D. Worden, postponing the date of his execution from the 8th of December to the 4th of June, 1897. Worden was sentenced to be hanged for complicity in the wrecking of a Southern Pacific train carrying federal troops near Sacramento during the great railroad strike of 1894. President Cleveland recently interfered in his behalf through Senator White of California.

### Drowned Off the New-England Coast.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 4.—Several more vessels have arrived here in a more or less damaged condition, having been caught in the hurricane which passed over the Banks. Three men were washed overboard from the schooner Nancy and drowned. They would probably have been saved had they not been encumbered by their clothing, which was covered with ice.

### Quarantine Removed from Bryan's Home.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5.—Health Officer Rhode has removed the quarantine from the home of Hon. W. J. Bryan, his eldest daughter, Ruth, having entirely recovered from the attack of diphtheria.

### Equadorian Minister Arrives.

New York, Dec. 5.—Among the passengers who arrived last night per steamer Pinar del Rio, were L. F. Carlo, Equadorian minister to the United States, and his family.

## SEC. FRANCIS' REPORT

Operations of the Interior Department for the Fiscal Year of '96.

### EXPENDITURES INCREASED \$1,000,000

The Actual Public Domain Is 1,849,073,587 Acres, with 600,000,000 Acres Still Vacant—\$140,000,000 Distributed Annually in Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary of the interior David R. Francis has submitted his annual report to the president. The appropriations for the last fiscal year amounted to \$157,179,056. The estimates for the present fiscal year are about \$1,000,000 more than was appropriated last year. The actual public domain is now 1,849,073,587 acres. The public lands still vacant amount to over 600,000,000 acres, not including Alaska. About 85,729,751 acres have been patented to railroads and there are yet due railroads and wagon roads under their grants an aggregate of 114,736,639 acres. The total acreage segregated from the public domain was 946,219,160 acres. The secretary deems it desirable that our waste acreage should be taken up by actual settlers who should be given every encouragement, and says if the rate of settlement continues in the future as in the past but very little vacant land will be left in thirteen years time. He urges legislation for the preservation of the forests and states that a report will be submitted to congress by the forestry commission which has lately returned from a tour of inspection. Secretary Francis calls the attention of congress to the necessity of legislation looking to the reclaiming of arid lands and says that of the 500,000,000 acres of arid lands, 100,000,000 acres might be reclaimed by the conservative use of water, but it is impossible, under the laws now in operation, to control the reclamation of the arid regions as to prevent the improvident use of water over which the general government has no control. The secretary briefly mentions the difficulties between the Osage and Missouri Indians, which, he states is a complicated one. No settlement has yet been agreed upon.

### The Pension Question.

On the pension question he says that about 970,673 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions, and the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion. It gives a table which shows that the total amount paid out by the government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last thirty-one years was \$2,034,817,769, which lacks only \$246,712,535 of being equal to the high water mark of the interest-bearing public debt. One hundred and forty million dollars is thought to be sufficient for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year, unless pensions are increased by further legislation. The secretary recommends that an increase from \$3 to \$12 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war, who are wholly disabled and destitute. The Indians, he says now occupy about 55,000,000 acres of land, and they should be protected from the sinister machinations of unscrupulous men. He recommends that the Indian bureau should be conducted by a commission of three members, two to be civilians of different political parties and one an army officer.

### A Judge and a Reporter Sued for Libel.

Whitman, Mass., Dec. 5.—A suit for \$50,000 has been instituted by John P. McKay of Rockland, a lawyer with an office in Boston, against Judge Kelly of the second district court at Abington, and W. C. Gurney, a newspaper reporter, for alleged libel, and their property has been attached. Mr. McKay was arrested in Boston Saturday charged with uttering a forgery. A mortgage was filed with the International Trust company of Boston by McKay as collateral for a loan, and it was alleged that the name of the register of deeds was forged.

### Pension Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The appropriations for the next fiscal year will not be less than \$140,000,000, and it may exceed that sum. This is due to the circumstance that pensions under the law of 1890 are payable only from the date of application, while pensions under the general law carry in many cases heavy arrears which largely increase the average.

### Fruit Too Cheap in the United States.

Boston, Dec. 5.—A private cablegram received by a prominent fruit-importer of this city from Sicily states that the work of packing fruit for shipment to America has been suspended. It is understood that this is owing to the low prices received for the fruit in this country, which makes every shipment a loss to the owner.

### Wyzeman Marshall Dying.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Wyzeman Marshall, the veteran actor and teacher of elocution, is dying of old age at his home in this city. He entered his 81st year last September. Death may occur at any moment.

## BAYARD GIFT FUND

Numerous Subscriptions Received by the London Newspaper.

### CAN THE AMBASSADOR ACCEPT IT?

The State Department at Washington Deems the Proposal a Personal Matter, and It Meets with No Disapproval.

London, Dec. 5.—The Daily Telegraph to-day publishes three columns of interviews and letters on the subject of its proposal to make a present to Ambassador Bayard as a national token of respect and good will. The paper says it has received fifty more subscriptions to its fund for this purpose, including one from Sir Henry Irving, the well-known actor-manager.

### A PERSONAL MATTER.

Opinion of the State Department Regarding the Gift to Bayard.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The proposition of a number of Englishmen, acting unofficially, to present to Ambassador Bayard at the close of his mission a substantial recognition of the esteem in which he is held by England, finds no expression of disapproval at the state department, where it is said that the matter can hardly be a subject for official cognizance under any circumstances now foreseen. Confidence is expressed that Mr. Bayard's long diplomatic experience will enable him to determine a proper attitude for himself as long as he continues his official relations with Great Britain as the representative of the United States, and that his own sense of propriety may be relied upon to dispose of the personal aspects of the case. It is, however, pointed out that section 1,751, revised statutes, specifically provides that no diplomatic or consular officer accredited to a foreign government shall "asked or accept, for himself or any other person, any present, emolument, pecuniary favor, office or title of any kind from any such government." As understood here, there is no suggestion that Mr. Bayard is to receive any distinction from a "government," but that the proposed gift will come from popular sources.

### FOR MORE MORAL LAWS.

Washington Reform Bureau To Push Measures Now Pending in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The reform bureau of this city, which originated the Gillett bill, by which the last session of congress abolished divorce colonies in the territories and which received from President Cleveland the pen with which the bill was signed, considers the approaching session of congress especially favorable for the moral measures still pending, inasmuch as they regard the appropriation bills out of the way and financial legislation likely to wait for the McKinley congress. The measures which the reform bureau is chiefly urging are the Gillett bill to extend the anti-gambling legislation, which has been applied to mails and express, to telegraph; the Broderick bill, to raise the age of protection for girls to 18 years in the district of Columbia and the territories; the McMillan bill, to restore to this district its former law against Sunday traffic, which was invalidated by a clerical error, and the Phillips bill to appoint a non-partisan commission for the investigation of the problems of labor and capital.

### The Chippewa Ice Gorge.

Shawano, Wis., Dec. 5.—At Keshena falls, two miles up the river, ice in the Chippewa river is piled below the falls thirty feet high. The water backs up so that the falls are covered. The ice jam extends two and a half miles down the river and is piled high against the lower or Keshena bridge. The water is backing up in a creek at the village and part of the place is under water. The flood is rising steadily. At the government planing mill the water is seven feet deep and all of the agency property is in danger.

### Criticism of the Raines Law.

New York, Dec. 5.—The grand jury in a formal presentment handed up in the court of general sessions, criticizes the Raines law. The jury declare that in many cases the evidence against alleged violators of the law is thrown out because the provision of the law regarding hotels are not plainly enough defined, and assert that evasions of the provisions of the law has the tendency to bring the execution of the criminal law into disrepute.

### Congressional Election Contest.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Samuel Hudson, the candidate for congress on the silver ticket in the Third district of this city at the late election and who was defeated, has served notice upon William McAleer, dem., the successful candidate, that he will contest his seat. Mr. Hudson charges false registration, use of money and other election abuses.

### Hamburg Dock Strike.

Hamburg, Dec. 5.—The dock strike continues to spread and the strike committee will this evening consider a plan for extending the strike among the laborers employed in the city. Business is almost at a standstill in the harbor.

## DRESS REFORM.

Interesting Address Delivered at the National Council of Women at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 5.—At the afternoon session of the National Council of Women, Miss Annie White made an interesting address. Speaking for the committee on dress, she said, in part: "The increasing interest in the movement to secure a more rational dress for women is attested by the constant demands for assistance from all parts of the country and from foreign countries. A circular addressed to teachers, calling their attention to their opportunities for disseminating our principles and furnishing them with practical suggestions for talks upon hygienic and artistic dress, is now in preparation. We aim to secure model gowns. Whether the agitation of the dress question made possible the general adoption of the wheel costume, or whether we are to look upon the latter as our most important matter, matters little, but the almost total absence of criticism on the part of the public upon even the most radical cycling costume illustrates the truth of this declaration: 'Our costume will never be allowed to pass unnoticed by the public until they are familiar with it.' Co-operation, steadfast endeavor, high ideals, must ultimately break down all barriers and make it possible for women to so clothe themselves that a free and abounding sense of strength, unhampered limbs, unrestricted organs and a mind at ease will be theirs. The aim of the committee is to remove all those physical and moral conditions engendered by irrational dress, which have helped to arrest the development of women. We would clothe them not less beautifully, but more artistically; not less carefully, but with the minimum of expenditure consonant with success, in the way of time, money and nervous strength."

### DIRECTOR PRESTON'S REPORT.

Details of the Operations of the U. S. Mints and Foreign Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The report of R. E. Preston, director of the mint, shows in elaborating details the operations of the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1896; together with statistics of foreign countries relative to the production, coinage and monetary condition of each. The total coinage of gold and silver by the various countries of the world was as follows: Gold, \$231,057,438; silver, \$121,610,219. Total, \$352,667,657. The total metallic stock and uncovered paper in the world was estimated on Jan. 1, 1896, to be \$60,923,600,000. The director recommends that authority be given the secretary of the treasury to have experiments made to determine the best means of preventing the counterfeiting of silver coinage. At the prevailing price of silver the bullion and nominal value of our silver coins is about 100 per cent., and this constitutes a great temptation for the stamping of such coins by unscrupulous persons, affording them an opportunity to place in circulation counterfeit silver coins at about 100 per cent. profit as good as those stamped by the mints and which cannot be distinguished from them, even by experts.

### ALTEMUS & CO.'S AFFAIRS.

After Payment of Debts a Large Surplus Will Remain.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—One of the largest personal bonds on record has been filed by John Lowber Welsh, as assignee of the dry goods commission firm of Coffin, Altemus & Co. The records of the court of common pleas show that the amount of the bond was \$3,550,000, the security being the American Surety company of New York. Besides this the records show that John Lowber Welsh as assignee of Joseph H. Altemus, filed another bond in the sum of \$350,000 with the same surety company. Mr. Welsh was appointed assignee for both Coffin, Altemus & Co. and Joseph H. Altemus when they made an assignment several months ago. An inventory of Coffin, Altemus & Co. shows an appraisal of \$1,925,000, and it is understood that the administration of the estate is proceeding so rapidly and successfully under the management of the assignee that after the payment of all indebtedness there will be a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars on hand.

### Princeton Athletes Banquetted.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 5.—As a fitting culmination to a successful athletic season the championship Princeton football team were banquetted last night at the Princeton inn by the alumni of the university. James R. Sheffield of Yale and Joseph H. Sears of Harvard were present bearing the congratulations of the vanquished teams to the victorious Tiger eleven. Robert Annin, '77, president of the Gridiron club of Washington, and A. H. Joline, '79, of New York, spoke on behalf of the alumni.

### Vacheron Acquitted.

Albany, Dec. 5.—The jury in the case of ass. mbl. man Eugene P. Vacheron, charged with bribery in accepting \$2,000 to have the Hudson river ice harvesting bill amended, returned a verdict of acquittal last night after being out only ten minutes. The defense presented no witnesses.

## WORKING FOR ALGER

Michigan Friends Urge His Claim for Secretary of War.

### DELEGATION SENT TO CANTON

Iowa Friends of Senator Allison Will Not Object if He Receives a Cabinet Portfolio—C. G. Dawes Calls on Major McKinley.

Canton, O., Dec. 5.—President-elect McKinley finds less time now to attend to his correspondence and devote to the privacy of his home than he did when the numerous delegations were arriving before the election. His callers now are mostly leaders in the policy and management of the government. Some it is believed come to urge the claims of certain friends to appointments, while others are called to advise in the selection of the cabinet or other important posts. The first imposing delegation in the interests of a cabinet possibility called yesterday afternoon. Some of the foremost men of Michigan visited Major McKinley to ask him to consider the name of Gen. Alger when he formed his cabinet. Gen. Alger's friends suggested him for the position of secretary of war. This delegation included President Angell of the University of Michigan, Col. Hecker of Detroit, congressman George A. Spaulding of Monroe and Col. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw. Major McKinley received his visitors in his library. Ex-Congressman Brewer was spokesman. The president-elect made no promises. Members of the delegation said they were delighted with their reception. Congressman John A. T. Hull of Des Moines, Ia., was one of Major McKinley's callers during the evening. He is chairman of the committee of library affairs. He had a talk with Major McKinley. Lafayette Young and G. M. Reynolds, a Des Moines banker, accompanied Congressman Hull. They united in saying that Iowa would be glad to have Senator Allison remain in the senate, but if he were called to the cabinet the people of the state would want him to consider the invitation very seriously. The officers of the Eighth regiment of the Ohio National guard called on Major McKinley and invited him to have his picture taken in a group with them, which he did. The Eighth Ohio is the regiment which is to escort Major McKinley from Canton to Washington. Charles G. Dawes of Chicago spent the afternoon and evening at the McKinley residence. He said that the only knowledge he had of the rumors announcing his forthcoming appointment as private secretary he had gained from the newspapers. He left for Washington last night.

### WHERE IS WEYLER?

No One in Havana Seems To Know the Captain-General's Whereabouts.

Havana, Dec. 5.—The people of Havana are still in the dark so far as the movements of General Weyler are concerned. If the authorities have heard anything definite from him since he went into camp near Los Palacios they are keeping their information to themselves. They state that they are ignorant of his present position, but that they know he is carrying out in detail the plan of campaign prepared before he left Havana. Rumors regarding Maceo are many, but little attention is paid to them. The only definite news from the province of Pinar del Rio is that the commands of Generals Melquizar and Inclan have had encounters with the rebels. The fight in the Gobernadora hills was between Gen. Inclan's command and a band of rebels. No details of the engagement have been made public, and it is not known which side was victorious. A party of rebels who made the attack on Fort Bazan, province of Santiago de Cuba, were repulsed. They were pursued by the local guerrillas, who killed six insurgents and wounded fourteen. The troops had one officer and four privates wounded. Col. Torto reports that his command has defeated the rebels under Costillo and other leaders at Mazareno, province of Havana. The rebels lost twenty-three killed, while the Spanish loss was six killed and eleven wounded. The district court of Matanzas has given a decision in the case of Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen, who was captured in the field and held as a prisoner of war in San Severino castle, Matanzas. The court holds that he must be handed over to a military tribunal for trial.

### Servia Makes a Record.

Boston, Dec. 5.—The Cunard steamship Servia, which arrived yesterday, made the run from Queenstown in six days, fourteen hours and eight minutes, which establishes a new record between Queenstown and Boston, beating all previous passages by several hours.

### Loss of Life on Steam Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Supervising Inspector General Dumont reports that during last year 231 persons lost their lives on steam vessels out of 500,000,000 passengers carried. This was a decrease in loss of life of 172 persons from the year before.



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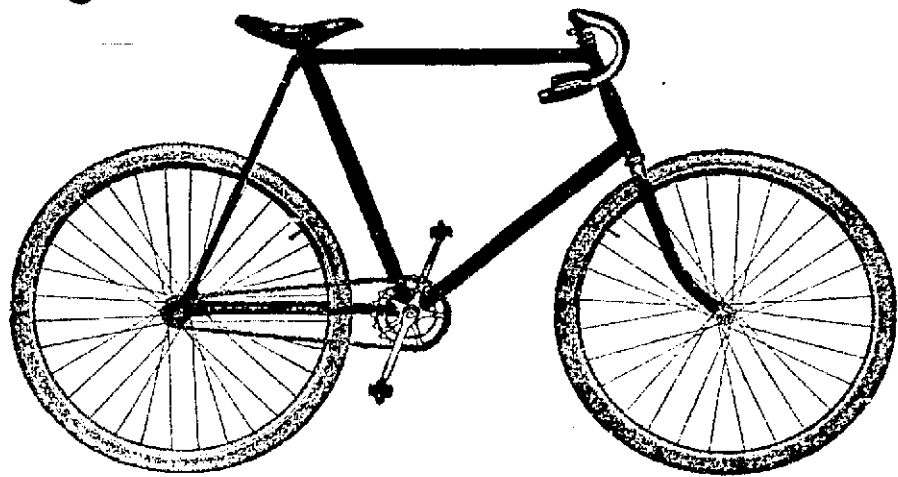
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In many a way she can crochet,  
Her feet seem made for dancing;  
She sketches makes of woods and lakes,  
And plays a la Beethoven,  
Reads books of law, yet never saw  
The inside of an oven.

Her sister May cannot crochet,  
Knows not a rule of grammar,  
Yet like a man she ever can  
Wield hoe or broom or hammer;  
In turns and crooks of puzzling books  
Her friends are all before her,  
Yet she can bake, and cook a steak  
As well as Mme. Rotter.

Their sister Grace, of charming face,  
Can talk of Paris, Venice,  
Like opera stars can play guitars  
And romp at golf or tennis;  
Can ride a wheel of flashing steel  
As well as any brother,  
And yet, 'tis said, her pies and bread  
Surpass those of her mother;

And any room will smile and bloom  
Beneath her busy fingers;  
No life is cold, so I am told,  
Where bonny Grace lingers.  
This maiden blends to happiest ends  
Accomplishment and duty,  
And finds always that every day  
Her life is full of beauty.

—Alice Jean Cleator, in Ohio Farmer.

**A COURTEOUS RIVAL.**

This is the tale of a courteous gentleman, an impetuous lover and a fickle maid. The scene is in gay Crescent City, 20 years or more before the war, when New Orleans promised to be the largest city on the continent, when its shipping was enormous and when dueling was the gentlemanly and approved method of settling disputes.

The services at the large Catholic cathedral had just been concluded, and, through the entrance, out into the public square, sauntered a middle-aged man with a young woman, as fair as any desired to look upon, at his side. Her cheek had the hue of the sun-kissed peach and her sparkling glance showed that she was by no means a demure madonna, although she had just come from church. Her companion was tall and distinguished-looking, dressed in the height of fashion and carrying himself with a military erectness. Everyone admired Mr. Marsden, the eloquent lawyer, the superb orator and the brilliant soldier-statesman. Kindly, but imperious; with generous instincts, but a fiery temper, he was the ideal type of a gallant, chivalrous southerner. The tender regard he exhibited toward the young girl with the sparkling glances was in keeping with the attention he had bestowed upon her for 12 months past, giving rise to much speculation as to whether or not he would carry off the prize. Many disappointed suitors for Helen Manville's hand felt extremely rueful toward the gallant statesman, none more so than Jack Culvert, a rich, talented and extremely reckless young man. For several months he had sighed before the shrine of the divinity without making marked progress and then the statesman had appeared and seemed to be carrying her off, despite the young lover's most strenuous efforts. So it happened that Jack, no better than he should have been, resorted to the consolation of mint juleps and similar beverages, becoming a constant frequenter of the St. Charles cafe. In that great subterranean resort, where were found men of all nations, it might be said, he made the vain attempt to drown his sorrow and his chagrin by means of the beverage he so persistently drew through two straws. He even plunged into greater dissipations. Helen once saw him driving to the races (there were two great tracks in operation then) with the prima donna of the French opera, whereupon the society belle deliberately looked the other way. And many were the evenings passed at the cafes, when hock, burgundy and the more sparkling beverages flowed in abundance. But the sorrow wouldn't drown and the chagrin always floated on the surface.

As the soldier-statesman and Helen crossed the square whom should they encounter but Jack himself, who looked somewhat pale and fatigued. She bowed to him very coldly, and then ignored his presence, smiling her sweetest upon her companion. Jack ground his teeth, gazed vindictively after them and then strode toward the St. Charles, where he drank three mint juleps one after another. At a fashionable ball that night he again met his divinity, who looked simply indescribable. Jack forgot his resentment in a sudden spell of admiration, and, approaching, begged the privilege of a polka. She responded that she was engaged.

"You are always engaged when I happen around," said Jack, savagely.

"You, too, have certain engagements, I believe," she retorted with biting sarcasm.

Jack thought of the prima donna and was silent. As he turned away Mr. Marsden carried off the young lady. Feeling the most profound aversion to witnessing his rival's happiness, Jack plunged into the smoking room and immediately ordered a bottle of champagne. Then he lighted a cigar and cogitated bitterly, trying to shut out the rhythmical melody of the orchestra. The more he drank and the more he smoked the more enraged he became. When, after a considerable interval, his rival entered, Jack arose and deliberately jostled against him in moving toward the door. A flush of anger crossed the other's face, while the lover stood there with an insolent smile.

"You jostled me, sir?" said the rival.

"Oh, did I?" said the lover.

"You have been drinking too much," Sternly.

"Not at all."

"You imply intention. You shall apologize."

"Beneath the Oaks, at your convenience."

"Very well; I will send a friend to you."

"I will be glad to receive him. The sooner we meet the better. There isn't room for both of us in New Orleans."

The rival bowed and left the room

Twice more he danced with the belle, while Jack resumed his attentions to the fine wines of his host. Late that night, or rather early next morning, when the French maid was disrobing her mistress, the girl appeared anxious to impart certain information.

"Mademoiselle, the butler at the ball told me something."

"What is it?" indifferently.

"He served M. Jack with much wine and many cigars. M. Marsden entered; M. Jack jostled him; M. Marsden responded with anger; they exchanged words and are to meet early this morning at the Oaks."

"At the Oaks!" exclaimed mademoiselle. "Oh, this cannot be. Are you sure?"

"The butler saw it all."

"It is terrible; it is terrible!"

"Well, mademoiselle," said the girl, consolingly, "M. Marsden is one of the best swordsmen in New Orleans. It is not he, but M. Jack who will be killed."

"Silence!" commanded the mistress. Bright and early the next morning Jack found himself beneath the Oaks, with his second. His head felt a little heavy and his hand shook, but not with fear.

"We are early," he said to his second.

"Here they come," was the response.

Mr. Marsden was soon on the spot and the swords were brought out. Afar was another group and they knew that another dispute was being settled in this popular and gentlemanly fashion. The elderly contestant drew the lover aside.

"Sir, must the matter go on? An apology?"

"I have no apology."

"Very well."

"To him who survives she shall belong."

The rival smiled rather pensively.

"Are you ready, gentlemen?"

"We are."

They were about to throw themselves into position when a carriage was heard in the road near by and the next moment a figure rushed forward. It was the young woman herself. Impetuously she threw herself, not upon the breast of the rival, but into the arms of the bewildered young man, then confronting with a commanding gesture the soldier-statesman.

"Stop," she said. "You shall not kill him. It is all my fault. I have coquetted with him. Do you forgive me, Jack? Promise you will not fight."

"I cannot honorably do otherwise," replied the confused lover, who imagined himself in a seventh heaven with her arm upon his shoulder.

"You must, for my sake," she pleaded. "I love you, Jack. I have always loved you. I have been cruel, but lay it to waywardness, not to my real self. Hereafter, I will be different. And now, come."

"I cannot. I am at the service of this gentleman."

The rival regarded them with a melancholy smile. He had passed that period of volcanic youth, but now he felt suddenly as if the hand of age had grasped him and made him 20 years older. How fair she was with the dew of early morn upon her hair! How impassioned was she when she told her love to another! Those words she had led him to believe were to have been addressed to himself one day. But they were a handsome couple! And he had imagined her all his? Then he spoke to her gravely:

"I am at your command," he said.

"This duel shall not go on."

"But," began Jack.

"Sir, I was in your way last night and naturally you jostled me. You had the right to feel offended, I presume. I am convinced now that I should have apologized. Having neglected to do so, this lady has made me feel the error of my position and I now do apologize for having been in your way. My apology, I trust—with a melancholy smile—"will be accepted."

"Yes, do accept it, Jack," pleaded the young lady.

The lover was about to make a shamefaced response when the rival saluted them courteously and turned away. Jack returned in triumph, in his divinity's carriage, while the rival drove back slowly, telling himself that one is never too old to learn.—Detroit Free Press.

**Neatly Done.**

Many years ago a lady called at the establishment of a celebrated mad doctor. She sobbed bitterly—she was in great trouble. Her son, who had a large fortune, fancied himself a merchant's clerk, engaged in extensive mercantile transactions. She called with her son next day by appointment. The doctor requested her to retire; she left with a small parcel, and the youth presented a bill for payment. The doctor had been prepared for this form of insanity. The young man was pounced upon by four employees, and held by their united force under a doneche bath upon his head, he screaming all the while for his money. It was discovered afterwards that the lady had represented herself to be the doctor's wife, and had made extensive purchases from a jeweler's, who had sent his clerk with her in a cab to receive the money from her husband.—London Tit-Bits.

**Steamed Brown Bread.**

Sift one pint of Indian meal, one pint of rye meal, one-half teaspoonful of salt; mix well; add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one cupful of hot water and stirred into a pint of sour milk, two-thirds of a cup of molasses. Pour into a well-buttered tin. A five-pound lard pail answers very well if care is taken to prevent its settling flat on the bottom of the kettle—a muffin ring is good for that purpose. Steam five hours or more, then remove the cover and set in the oven for 15 minutes. Another good recipe is as follows: Three cupfuls of meal, two of rye, two cupfuls of sweet milk, one of water, two-thirds cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda, or one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and one scant half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt. Mix well and steam.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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One of the minor results of the election said to be the harmonizing of all differences heretofore existing between President Cleveland and Speaker Reed.

The acquittal of ex-Assemblyman Vachon of the charge of accepting a bribe while in the Legislature was not unexpected. Albany juries have never yet rendered a verdict of guilty in a legislative bribery case.

During his visit at Canton Representative Dingley and Mr. McKinley consulted over tariff legislation and Mr. Dingley is to devote himself during the next three months to preparing a tariff measure on the lines agreed on with the President-elect. This is assumed to mean that an extra session has been decided on, and Mr. Dingley is quoted as saying that he is confident a tariff bill can be passed by July 1st; and if the Senate is disposed to play an obstructive role he thinks it should be given an opportunity to take a stand that the people may fix the responsibility. Mr. Dingley distinctly asserts that the tariff measure to be proposed will be a moderate one which will not alienate any of the conservative men who identified themselves with the Republican party in the late election.

The testimony given before Senator Raines' special excise committee as to the practical workings of the Raines liquor law has emphasized its defects and shortcomings and made it certain that in the large cities the law has had anything but a good effect on public morals. It must not, however, be assumed that the law is altogether bad. It has yielded very large revenues to the State and to the localities in which liquor is sold and in the rural counties, at least, has regulated the liquor traffic as it has never before been regulated. If the question of its retention or repeal was left to popular vote the majority in favor of its retention would be practically unanimous. The defects in the law can be remedied by legislation if, forgetting politics and the liquor vote, an earnest effort is made to give the State a law which will really regulate and restrain the sale of liquor.

The Joint Congressional Committee, which has been in session in New York inquiring into the advisability of abolishing the tax on alcohol used in the arts heard much conflicting testimony. The wood and iron interests sought to make it appear that the first effect of the abolition of the tax on grain alcohol would be to ruin their business, since untaxed grain alcohol would at once take the place of wood alcohol. The retail druggists favored the retention of the tax, and the wholesale druggists and manufacturing chemists thought that the tax should be removed. The temperance organization, opposed the removal of the tax because they averred that cheaper alcohol would mean an increase of drunkenness. There was much other testimony, some of it largely conjectural, but one fact was clearly established, that the abolition of the tax on grain alcohol used in the arts will have a most disastrous effect on the wood and iron business.

## OBITUARY.

## Jesse B. House.

Jesse B. House died at the State Hospital at 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. House was fifty-two years old. He was a son of Joseph House and was born in the town of Minisink, where he resided until three years ago, when he lost his reason and cut the throat of his brother. He was then placed in the hospital and has faded gradually until death came to release him from his sufferings.

Mrs. House and her daughter came to this city and have resided here since so as to be near the husband and father, hoping of course, that he would recover, but in this they were mistaken.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Belle, of this city, and two sons, Walton, of Johnson, and George, near State Hill; also by one brother, Samuel, who resides near Johnson, and by two sisters, Louise, wife of Randall Stivers, of Ridgebury, and Miss Emily, who resides in the State of Florida.

Mr. House, until his mental troubles began, was a good citizen, a kind and loving husband and father and was beloved by his family and respected by all his acquaintances.

The funeral will take place at the residence in Ridgebury, on Tuesday, at 11 a. m. The interment will be at Ridgebury.

## Real Estate Sales.

—E. E. Conkling, real estate and insurance agent, has sold for John S. Lyon his cottage on H. street to a resident of this city, who buys for investment.

—Case & Taylor, real estate and insurance agents, have sold for David H. Miller a block of ten fine building lots, situated on the western side of Highland avenue, between 12th and 13th streets, to Messrs. Crans & Becker, the well known grocers of this city.

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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

## TWO CHILD MURDERS.

**A Babe Killed by an Aunty Mother—Beaten to Death By His Father.**

BY UNITED PRESS.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 5.—Mrs. A. F. Gleason killed her baby son and then shot herself. She will probably die. The woman is undoubtedly demented.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Dec. 5.—A seven-year-old child named Berwick has died here from a beating by his father.

## KILLED BY SEWER GAS.

**Three Persons Asphyxiated and Four Overcome by Sewer Gas.**

BY UNITED PRESS.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Last night, three persons were asphyxiated at 3 Newcomb street, Roxbury, and four overcome at 35 Newcomb street, by sewer gas poisoning.

## DIST. ATTORNEY FELLOWS DYING

BY UNITED PRESS.

New York, Dec. 5.—District Attorney Fellows, who is ill with gastritis, is much worse, to-day, and is not expected to live many hours.

## LANDLORD LEA'S MISSING GUESTS

**Left Suddenly Owing Over \$50—An Advertising Scheme That Didn't Work and the Loss Falls on the Hotel Keeper.**

Landlord Lea, of the Madison House, is mourning the departure of three guests who left without the formality of settling their bills.

They arrived here Nov. 20th and registered as John J. Powers, of Boston, and Fred and Elinor Vann, of New York. The Vanns said they were brother and sister. The young woman was very tall and since she dressed somewhat conspicuously quickly attracted considerable attention about town, and during their stay here the party managed to attract attention in other ways.

They were in the advertising business and proposed to issue a Methodist Church directory, but Dr. Wilson, the pastor of the church, gave them no encouragement and after they had offered to "make it worth his while" refused to have anything to do with their scheme. Without his endorsement the party could make no headway and after canvassing for a time without making any progress they gave it up and began work in Goshen, where the pastor of the Methodist Church was willing to help along their scheme.

In the meantime their board bill at the Madison House was mounting up and Mr. Lea, when he asked for money, was put off with promises. As day after day passed he grew more importunate, but no money was forthcoming.

Yesterday a young woman, who said she was Miss Vann's sister, arrived on an Erie train. She remained at the Madison House until 4 o'clock and when she left on Erie train 30, Miss Vann went with her. Mr. Lea then went to Miss Vann's room and found that she had in some way managed to get all her clothes out of the house. Miss Vann's clothes were of good quality and her wardrobe was quite extensive and how she got away with her raiment Mr. Lea cannot imagine. The stuff she left behind is not worth \$3.

Last night, Powers and Vann told Mr. Lea that Miss Vann was to send them a check, this morning, but when this morning came, Powers and Vann were both missing and no tidings of them have been learned, to-day, though diligent inquiry has been made in all directions.

The party owes Mr. Lea over \$50, most of it for board, though there is one item of \$9 for lager, etc., which would have been considerably larger had not Mr. Lea shut down on the supply.

## THE SILK MILL SOLD.

**The Business Disposed Of—The Arnolds, the New Proprietors.**

The silk mill, corner of Railroad avenue and Grove street, shut down Friday night until Monday morning. Mr. Abeg has disposed of the plant to the Arnolds, of Hawthorne, N. J., who were the chief competitors of the Middletown mill and who will operate it hereafter, thus making themselves practically monopolists of printed silk goods in this country.

Mr. Thomas S. Hutchinson will remain as superintendent of the mill, and no change of operatives is at present contemplated. Mr. Abeg has not disposed of the real estate.

## The October Death Rate.

The death rate for the month of October has just been published by the State Board of Health. It was unusually low this year. The following is the rate for Orange county's cities and villages:

	Pop.	No. Deaths	Rate per 1,000
Newburgh.....	24,536	31	15.00
Port Jervis.....	9,327	7	10.00
Middletown.....	11,612	15	16.00
Warwick.....	6,000	6	12.00
Goshen.....	4,646	10	25.00
Montgomery.....	5,259	7	18.00

## IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—P. M. Mast, Master Mechanic of the L. and H. Railway, has tendered his resignation, to take effect Nov. 30th. No arrangements are yet reported for filling the place.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for a cough before.

W. D. Ghey.

Monthly Pains cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

## SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—The pastor of a Presbyterian church in Brooklyn was recently hunting with a friend when the latter mistook him for a quail and filled his left arm with birdshot.

—A monument is being erected at Kamrar, Ia., to the memory of Miss McBeth, the Nez Perce Indian missionary, who died in Mount Idaho about five years ago.

—On one day recently three Massachusetts churches celebrated anniversaries—the Eliot church at Newton, the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of John Eliot's first sermon to the Indians; the Unitarians' church at Lexington, the two hundredth anniversary of the settling of the first pastor, and the North Congregational church at Springfield, the fiftieth anniversary of its organization.

—Bishop Creighton, of Peterborough, who has just been appointed bishop of London, is a man of mark. In 1884 he became professor of ecclesiastical history in Cambridge. In 1886 he was present at the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration of Harvard, and received from it the degree of LL. D. He is the author of several historical works, and is one of the hardest-working bishops on the bench.

—Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the Age (Afro-American), writing in the New York Sun, gives some interesting facts concerning the growth of the African Methodist Episcopal church. Of the 10,000,000 colored population of the United States, 1,200,000 are Methodists, while 1,350,000 are Baptists. The Methodist church property is about \$12,000,000. In all, fully 4,000,000 Afro-Americans are members of some church, and 16,000 are ministers.

—Dr. Thornton, an expert in the education of deaf mutes, says that a modification of the telephone promises to be of material use in the education of those deaf mutes who possess a fragment of hearing power, and it has the following important advantages over the single-speaking tube that is sometimes used: Firstly, that the wires from several receivers can be coupled up to one transmitter, and thus a teacher can instruct a group of children at the same time, and, secondly, that, as it is not necessary for the teacher to apply his mouth close to the transmitter, the pupils have a full view of his facial expression and lip movements, which is not the case when he has to direct his attention and his voice into the mouth of a speaking-tube or trumpet.

## His Method.

You are charged with knocking the complainant down with a club and taking all his valuables," said the judge.

"He told me to," said the prisoner.

"Eh?"

"He told me to do it. I stop him on the corner to get a light—see? An' of course, we got to talkin' about de money question. Den he says to me: 'De only right way to git at de money question is to start right in on first principles,' he says. 'Is dat de way youse wants to do?' I says, 'It is,' says he. 'All right,' I says, an' soaks in an' takes wot belongs to me by rights of first principles.'—Indianapolis Journal.

## His Hard Lines.

"Poor man!" exclaimed the prison missionary, to whom the sheriff's guest had been relating a tale of woe. "Your life seems to have been one unbroken series of misfortunes."

"Yes," sighed the fallen one, "I have had more trials."—Buffalo Courier.

## Impure

Blood is certain to manifest itself in some way and it often assumes a serious form. Right here in our own city Hood's Sarsaparilla has done a wonderful work by purifying the blood. Read the following: "My little granddaughter, Mary Elsie McGuire, who makes her home with me, was so deaf three years ago that anyone had to shout to make her hear. She had abscesses in her ears which would break out and run. She would have these attacks for weeks at a time. It commenced in one ear, at first, and finally it was in both ears. The discharges from these abscesses, owing to impure

## Blood

would often continue for several weeks. The doctor said she would always be deaf. I saw Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised so much, had read of the wonders it had done for others and I thought if it would help one it would help another. We gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she took two bottles. Boils broke out all over her and scabs formed around her mouth. Her throat was full of canker and her blood was full of humor. The breaking out finally disappeared and she has no humor or abscesses since. She can hear now as well as anyone. My little daughter, Bessie, had a scrofula humor a year ago last fall which resembled canker or diphtheritic sore throat. I gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she has not had any since. Whenever she

## Needs

It gave her and also the other children Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify the blood and keep them well and healthy. My husband, when he feels poorly, takes it for a general tonic. He believes there is nothing like it and that it is better than all of the doctor's medicine. We all have great faith in it and never mean to be without it in the house. I have told a great many people what it has done for Mary and our Bessie and have recommended them to use it." MRS. MARY LEONARD, 21 Cooper St., Taunton, Mass.

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## DAILY ARGUS.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 1896.

### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Fair, followed by increasing cloudiness Sunday; warmer Sunday morning; southwesterly winds.

### THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the reading of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day: 7 a. m., 28°; 12 m., 40°; 3 p. m., 39°.

### AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 5—"For Fair Virginia," at Casino.  
—Dec. 8—"At the French Ball," at Casino.  
—Dec. 8-12—Fair by employees of O. and W. shop, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Dec. 10—Exhibition of the Antimacroscope, at First Congregational Church.  
—Dec. 11—Concert at First Presbyterian Church.  
—Dec. 14—M. C. A. entertainment, Ariel-Grille Combination, at Casino.  
—Dec. 21, 22—"The Mikado," at the Casino.  
—Dec. 21—Masquerade ball of Campina Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.  
—Jan. 1, 15, 20—Bachelor Club hops.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Holiday perfume at W. D. Olney's.  
—Holiday gifts at Chas. J. Giering's.  
—Turkey raffle at 14 Canal street.  
—New series Homestead B. and L. stock.  
—Agent wanted at \$18 a week.  
—Christmas goods at Barton & Horton.  
—Holiday goods at Barton & Son's.  
—Cook stove for sale cheap.  
—Molasses 25c a gallon at J. W. Sloan's.  
—Poultry supplies at Geo. A. Seale & Son's.  
—See B. F. Gordon's Christmas greeting.  
—Holiday surprises at Economy Store.

### LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"For Fair Virginia," at the Casino, to-night.  
—"At the French Ball," at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.  
—Fanny Rice in "At the French Ball," at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.  
—Mrs. E. C. Royce, of Bennington, Vermont, is visiting friends in town.  
—Mr. and Mrs. Russ Wythal in "For Fair Virginia," at the Casino, to-night.  
—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have leased rooms in the top floor of the new Times building.  
—The Hawley Glass Company is about to start up its second furnace which has been out of blast since last July.  
—The last half term of the Misses Myers' dancing classes begins Monday, Dec. 7th at the Assembly Rooms.  
—The Erie company has laid off two or three men in each of its gangs of trackmen on the New York division.  
—Those wishing tickets to the art lecture at the First Congregational Church, Monday evening, can obtain them at the door.  
—Popular prices at the antimacroscope exhibition—gallery 25 cents, 35 cents down stairs, including reserved seat without extra charge. 8d5t.  
—The songs for the concert to be given at the First Presbyterian Church, next Friday evening, with the exception of one duet, will be sung in English.  
—T. K. DeWitt is about to remodel his house on Grand avenue in accordance with plans prepared by F. J. Lindsey. The work will be done by Lindsey & Co.  
—Take the children and let them see the marvel of the nineteenth century, "The Antimacroscope," Thursday night at the First Congregational Church. dtr  
—A season ticket for the Y. M. C. A. entertainment can be bought at J. E. Mills' drug store for one dollar. One ticket for each of the four entertainments will cost thirty-five cents. Buy a season ticket now and save forty cents.  
—In the Goshen Independent's retrospect of fifty years ago the most important item appears to be the awarding of the contract for the construction of the Erie road from Port Jervis to Binghamton. The contract price was \$1,000,000 or one million dollars less than the estimate.  
—The antimacroscope is a perfected idea of Edison's by which instantaneous photographs taken of actual scenes are thrown on an immense screen so rapidly that the eye cannot detect the change and the audience is apparently watching the living, life-sized figures in motion. It is the marvel of the nineteenth century. At the First Congregational Church, next Thursday night. did

### PERSONAL.

—Cortland S. Hulce is very seriously ill at his home on East Main street.  
—Miss Carrie Sease, of Crelville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Deuel, on Sprague avenue.  
—John Degraw, of Sprague avenue, had the misfortune to lose his horse, this morning.  
—Nathan W. Bramer, a respected resident of Port Jervis, died Thursday evening, aged seventy-eight years. He is survived by five daughters.  
—R. A. Harrat and Miss Parsons will be married at the residence of Miss Parsons' sister, Mrs. Clark, at Eight-and-a-Half Station, December 9th.  
—J. Milton Tuthill, whose serious illness has been mentioned in this paper, is again able to be about and is remarkably active for one of his years.  
—Hon. George M. Beebe and daughter, Miss Nellie, are spending a few days in Monticello. Judge Beebe has rented a flat in Brooklyn for the winter and they will soon take possession of it.  
—Ethelbert Selleck, for many years a merchant on West Main street, now engaged in farming, on Long Island, is in town, to-day, to attend the funeral of his uncle, the late Hiram Selleck.  
—F. S. Garrison, formerly ticket agent of the O. and W. at East Main street, has been appointed Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent of the P., R. and N. E. R. R. from Campbell Hall to Hartford, Conn.  
—Jockey James Murphy, who has won laurels on all the principal race tracks in the United States, is in town visiting relatives and friends. For the past year Mr. Murphy has been riding his own string of horses.

## THE HOSPITAL TRAINING'S SCHOOL.

Two Nurses Graduated at Thrall Hospital.

—Yesterday's Interesting Exercises—Address by Dr. Douglas.

The graduating exercises of the Thrall Hospital Training School for Nurses were held at the hospital, yesterday afternoon. There were present the Board of Managers, several physicians, the hospital's corps of nurses and a few citizens.

The 24th Separate Co. orchestra was stationed in the hall and discoursed excellent music before the exercises began and at proper intervals while the programme was being carried out.

Dr. W. E. Douglas, President of the Medical Board, presided.

The graduates were Miss Henrietta Halstead and Mrs. Emma Francis Cooper.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. David J. Evans, which was followed by a most excellent address by Geo. H. Decker, Esq., the attorney for the Board of Managers.

Dr. Douglas then addressed the graduates as follows:

This is a pleasant duty I have assigned me to induct you into a new sphere of life. No matter what have been your responsibilities in life before, how pleasant or how laborious, this is paramount to everything. The pleasant part will be crowned by a consciousness of having successfully relieved suffering—made the sorrows of life easier to bear, and above all to have been the means of saving life. What can give more pleasure than the knowledge that you have been the means of restoring life and health?

If you have interest in your chosen profession, and love it, you will have much satisfaction of mind and lightness of heart when some fond parent says: "You have taken better care of my child than I could myself, and there is a debt of gratitude I cannot pay."

A few of your patients will reward you with kind words as well as money. Some will probably pay you, and tell you they could hire a better nurse for \$1 per day.

Do not let this commercial side deter you from what your conscience tells you is your humane duty to your patients. Your duty honestly and lovingly done will bring a reward which words of mine cannot describe.

This brings me to the point of your duty to your patients. I have read an article, the caption of which was, "A Plea for the Good Old Nurse." Now, the author of that article had never met any of our Thrall Hospital nurses or he would have many sighs as he said, "Oh, if I had had such nurses scores of my patients would not have died."

There are a few things that the good old nurse are still very proficient in. One is they realize that their time belongs to the one who pays for it; and they are not afraid, while waiting for a very anxious event to take place, to turn their attention to some of the household perplexities.

There may be a little sewing not quite finished, or some other preparations not quite done. Don't be backward about helping at such times; it's one of your privileges instead of your duty.

Here is another thing, don't neglect to gain the good will of the temporary head of the house—the maid in the kitchen.

Let her understand that you are there to attend most thoroughly to your own duties. That you do not intend to interfere with her work, nor expect her to do yours.

Remember any disturbance in the regular routine of the household, reacts on the mistress of the house—your patient, and she is the one who suffers.

Another duty is always to understand that you are not paid to take the whole responsibility of the case. You are to watch and carefully report to the physician any symptoms you may think dangerous, or that perplex you. This is where the trained nurse excels the untrained.

Be pleasant in the sick room refrain from loud talking or whispering, heavy walking, and don't drop anything, not even the baby.

Always be as prettily dressed as you are in the hospital, and the most fastidious will be satisfied.

It has been said that the surgeon should have the eye of an eagle, the heart of a lion and the hand of a woman.

I say to you that the nurse should have the eye of caution, a heart of love and a hand of gentleness.

Do not entertain your patients with the details of your last case. They like it, perhaps, but after you are gone they are very apt to tell their friends that you tell too much.

Guard professional secrets. Prove your right to be trusted by both physician and patient.

Ladies, it gives me great pleasure to present you these diplomas.

Their possession makes a great change in your life as you go out to battle against disease and death. You will meet success and defeat, happiness and remorse. You are no longer the student, but the teacher. You must be your own counselor and you must stand on your own judgment.

I wish you all success in your new line.

At the conclusion of the doctor's address Miss J. M. Morrison, in behalf of the Board of Managers, presented to the graduates gold badges bearing the hospital monogram.

Dr. B. Pillsbury then delivered an address to the under graduates and the exercises closed with a prayer by Rev. David Evans.

A supper was given the graduates at the hospital at 8 o'clock, last evening. It was a fine spread. Those who partook of it were the hospital staff, the graduates and two or three guests.

### A Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Deuel and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corkey, were given a surprise at Mr. Corkey's residence, No. 87 Sprague avenue, last night. About eighty of their friends were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and other social amusements. Barnes' orchestra furnished the music.

### Aldermen Take Little Interest in the City's Business.

Another attempt was made to hold a meeting of the Common Council, last night, but only four members could be mustered, Messrs. Dorrance, Bowler, Hirst and Mace. An adjournment was taken until Monday evening.

## THE MIKADO.

The Cast for Its Production by Excelsior, Dec. 21 and 22.

The members of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, assisted by a number of their musical friends, are rehearsing earnestly for the production of the well known comic opera "The Mikado," which will be given at the Casino, Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 21 and 22. The chorus will contain some of the best trained voices in Middletown, while the principal characters will be portrayed by the following well known amateurs.

The Mikado of Japan... David B. Ellenberger  
Nanki-Poo (His son disinherited as a wandering minstrel and in love with Yum Yum)... Miss L. Claribel Pillsbury  
Ko-Ko (Lord High Executioner of Triples)... Charles T. Payne  
Pooch-Bah (Lord High Everything Else)... A. E. Dickinson  
Push-Tush (A Noble Lord)... Chas. A. Whitney  
Yum Yum (Three Sisters)... Miss Anna L. Howland  
Puri Shur... Wards of... Miss Carrie Howland  
Peep Be... Ko-Ko... Mrs. S. T. Cushman  
Katieba (An elderly lady in love with Nanki-Poo)... Mrs. D. H. Arthur

The rehearsal, last evening, was well attended and the next rehearsal will be held at the truck house on Monday evening.

### WE GET THE FAIR.

The Orange County Agricultural Society Locates Permanently at Middletown and Newburgh.

It was decided, yesterday, by the committee that had been appointed to locate the fair to lease the Campbell track and enough lands adjoining to make ten acres in all for a term of ten years, with privilege of an additional ten years, and the Agricultural Society agrees to hold the fair here each alternate year with Newburgh beginning with next year.

Arrangements have been made to form a stock company—consisting of about a dozen representative men of Middletown, who will buy the lands adjoining the Campbell track and put on all the necessary buildings for the fair. The buildings are all to be of wood. No tents to be used.

### CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

A Would-Be Clerk and Two Would-Be Carriers Examined at the Post Office.

Charles DeVoe, Edmund Whitlock and Robert Tinnant took a civil service examination at the post office, to-day. The former aspires to a clerkship and the others want to be carriers. The local examining board, Messrs. Northrup, Hyde and Conkling, had charge of the examination, which was as farcical as such examinations usually are. The papers have been sent to the U. S. Civil Service Commissioners, who will mark them and rate the candidates according to merit.

### Baptism at the First Baptist Church.

Eighteen persons have been received, this week, as members of the First Baptist Church, after baptism. The ordinance will be administered Sunday evening, Rev. C. M. Jones went to Liberty, today, where he will immediately begin his work. Special meetings at the Baptist Church will be continued. Services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

### The Bachelors' Opening Hop.

The thirty-first season of the Bachelors' Social Club was successfully inaugurated at the Assembly Rooms, last evening, about thirty couples being present. Wainmaker's orchestra sustained its reputation of previous years by the excellent quality of its music. Among those from out of town were Miss James, of Boston, Miss Ireland, of Crystal Run, and Mrs. Reynolds, of Norfolk, Neb.

### Will Engage in the Grocery Business.

E. G. Medrick, who recently leased the stores in the J. T. Robertson building, has decided to carry on a grocery business as well as a meat market. Walter Davis, of Liberty, an experienced butcher, will have charge of the market and Mr. Medrick will give his personal attention to the grocery store.

### The Modern Mother.

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## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

The Vocal Society's Production of the "Messiah"—To Try Conclusions With Monticello's Bowlers—Stone Breaking to Be Resumed—Tickets for the Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Course—Lease of the Helm Property.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—At the next concert of the Vocal Society, on Monday evening, Dec. 28th, Handel's "Messiah" will be sung. It will be the most elaborate concert ever given under the society's auspices, and by permission of the officers of the Presbyterian Church it will be given in that edifice, which has a seating capacity of about 1,500 and is provided with the largest church organ in this section of State. The chorus and orchestra will be largely increased and the solo parts taken by the following artists, some of them familiar to Goshen audiences and all of whom are famous for ability as soloists: Miss Katharine Hike, soprano, Miss Zora G. Horlocker, alto; W. H. Reuter, tenor, and Ericson S. Bushnell, bass. No tickets will be sold at the door, but they can be obtained for twenty-five cents each at the store of C. E. Mills, paugh on and after Dec. 7th. Persons desiring to attend should secure tickets early.

—A bowling team from the Goshen Social and Athletic Association will probably go to Monticello, next Saturday, Dec. 12th, and begin there a series of games with the Monticello club bowlers.

—The prisoners at the Goshen jail have not been breaking stone lately, because there was no stone to break. A supply has arrived from the quarries, however, and the exercises in the stone yard will be at once resumed.

—Season tickets at one dollar each are on sale at the store of Horton & Dean for the entertainment course of the Middletown Y. M. C. A. A series of four concerts and lectures comprise the course. The first will be given on Dec. 14th.

—The Holmes property on Scotchtown avenue has been leased and will be occupied by a gentleman from Mexico, who will take possession about Jan. 1st.

### SERVICE OF SONG AND DEVOTION

Programme to be Rendered at the Universalist Church, To-morrow Evening.

On the first Sunday evening of each month the Universalist Church will hold a service of song at its place of meeting, 61 North street. To-morrow evening the order of service will be as follows, the choir being assisted by Miss Lottie Wells, violinist:

1. Voluntary—Violin and Piano—Mendelssohn's
2. Song With ut Words
3. Scripture—John 1:1-14
4. Anthem—Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace
5. Psalm 104 read responsively by minister and people
6. Solo—Come Unto Me
7. First Scripture Lesson
8. Anthem—Jerusalem
9. Second Scripture Lesson
10. Hymn 522—I Need Thee Every Hour
11. Prayer
12. Soprano solo—"Nearer My God to Thee"
13. Short address by the pastor
14. Anthem—Lord, Kindly Light
15. Offertory—Volunt and Piano
16. Psalm—In the Cross of Christ I Glory
17. Benediction—Jesus, Lover of My Soul

### Fire Losses Paid.

—The Franklin Insurance Co., through E. E. Conkling, agent, on Dec. 4th adjusted and paid the loss of Mrs. S. H. Wilcox, which occurred Dec. 2.

—The Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, One & Taylor agents has settled with L. S. Benjamin, paying him in full satisfaction for the loss which he sustained by fire, which occurred on Tuesday evening, December 1st.

—The Glens Falls Insurance Company, Case & Taylor agents, has settled with Thomas Watts, Esq., paying him its proportion of the damage which he sustained from fire in his office, on Thursday evening, December 3rd.

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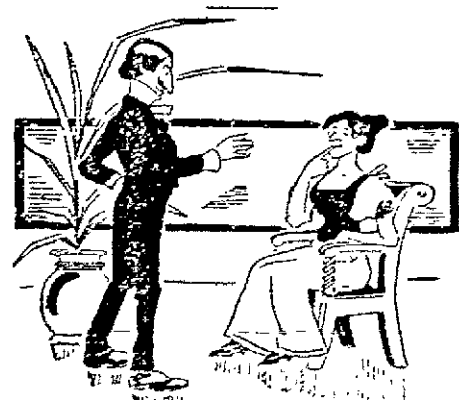
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One Was Enough. They tried to get the old man to "sit in" for "a little game," but he shook his head. "Don't you ever play?" asked one of the party. "Not now," he answered. "I used to, but I had to quit." "Game too much for you?" "Well, it wasn't that entirely. I made up my mind that it wasn't safe for more than one in the family to play poker, and my son's at college. I'll do pretty well if I can earn enough to pay his debts."—Chicago Post.

Not to Be Overreached. "You want as much for this thermometer," said the woman who had arrived before the store opened so as to be the first at the bargain counter, "as you did for those you showed me last August." "Of course," the salesman answered. "It's the same thermometer." "No, it isn't. There ought to be a reduction in the price. Those others had nearly twice as much mercury in them as these have."—Washington Star.

But They Get Both. We have one fault in common with those across the seas: The English drop their "th's," Americans their "v's."—N. Y. Truth.

A HOUSEKEEPING CONUNDRUM.



She (delightedly)—Papa says if we want to get married he'll pay half the expenses of furnishing a house for us. He (despondently)—But who would pay the other half?—N. Y. World.

Disrespect for Age. Yes, the old songs are sweetest. But, alas and look a day. When the old girls try to sing them, People rise and flee away. —Chicago Record.

She Excited No Envy. "It is too bad," said Gobang, "that it should have rained the first time you wore your new dress and spoiled it." "I don't mind spoiling the dress so much," said Mrs. Gobang, "but the rain kept all the other women at home and not one of them saw my dress."—N. Y. Truth.

Woman's Wit. He—If I had known how sarcastic you were I never would have married you. She—You had a chance to notice it. Didn't I say: "This is so sudden" when you proposed to me after a two years' courtship?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An Attractive Figure. "I never saw such a jam of women at an afternoon symphony concert before," said Mrs. Bostling to her husband. "What was the unusual attraction?" "They had marked the tickets down to 99 cents."—N. Y. Journal.

In Tight Embrace. Hannah—You did not get out last night? Hortense—No; I was locked in. "What? Locked in your room?" "No; locked in George's arms."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Malicious Remark. Miss Stillgirl (sighing)—I think I'm awfully mean. That horrid Jones girl has been saying that I paint.

Miss Meanness—Never mind, dear. I expect if she had your complexion she'd paint too.—N. Y. Tribune.

Would Seem Natural. The Wife—If I die and you marry again, John, I'll come back and haunt you. The Husband—Well, it would seem kind of natural to have you come back and call me a fool.—N. Y. Truth.

Better Left Unsaid. Miss Hellewell—He'll assure you I shall never marry anyone who loves me for money.

Mr. Pleasantly-Sayrite—Ah, indeed, I suppose you prefer single life.—Ray City Chat.

Postponed. "Then they didn't start on the honeymoon that night?" "No. It was after three o'clock, and they had to wait until the next day to get her father's check cashed."—Inoklyn Life.

A New Test of Love. She—Do you think that Mr. Warrington still loves his wife? He—Loves her? I should say he did. Why, if she should use his best razor for a can opener, Warrington would not complain.—N. Y. Tribune.

Out of Practice. "Doesn't he know how to be courteous?" "No; not now. He did once, but he has been in the public service for the last few years."—Chicago Post.

Womanly Intuition. "I don't know," cried the Exalted Feminine Voice in the Darkness, "whether you are my husband or a burglar, but I'm going to be on the safe side and shoot."—Detroit Tribune.

Avoiding Danger. "Mrs. Tiptit is extremely exclusive." "Well, of course she doesn't wish to meet anybody who remembers when her father drove a dray."—Chicago Record.

A Sure Sign. You can tell by the way he carries his head, by his proud, imperious, haughty tread, and his lofty air and his czar-like grin, He has laid his winter's fuel in.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

BARON VON LIEBIG Long ago predicted that the exclusive attack of the truth of which is now being placed in many directions. The FRANKLIN contains all the Phosphates and in Autogenium and the Phosphates for "Franklin's Mills." All leading Grocers Sell it.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of the fire alarm boxes in this city:

- 14—Wickham Ave., corner O. & W. R. R.
- 15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
- 16—North St. and Waver Ave., typewriter.
- 17—Madison street and Montgomery street.
- 18—Grand avenue and Bruce street.
- 19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
- 20—East Main street and Wallkill avenue.
- 21—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
- 22—James and Henry street.
- 23—North and John street, Erie crossing.
- 24—Lake street and West street.
- 25—W. Main street, corner Monahan avenue.
- 26—State Hospital Gate.
- 27—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
- 28—East Main street, hat shop.
- 29—High and Madison streets.
- 30—North street, corner O. & W. R. R.
- 31—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
- 32—Fairview avenue and South street.
- 33—Fulton street and East avenue.
- 34—Academy avenue and Hamilton avenue.
- 35—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
- 36—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
- 37—Academy street and George street.
- 38—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
- 39—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
- 40—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
- 41—North street, near Orchard.
- 42—Franklin Square.

NOTE: A box number, denotes that a cable being made.

1 stroke denotes direct broken.

2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.

3 strokes of bell denotes fire alarm time.

4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders

were successfully used in treating children's complaints by Mother Gray, for years a nurse in the Children's Home at New York. They will certainly remove all kinds of worms, and when a child is feverish, with bad stomach and irregular bowels, they always cure. Pleasant and harmless as milk. Mothers should give Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders to their children occasionally through the year. They prevent worms forming. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, lumps are quickly cured by DeWitt's Article Hazel Salve. It is at present the most used for piles, and it always cures them. W. D. Olney.

Try Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season of the year your feet feel swollen and hot, and get tired easily. If you have aching feet, new shoes or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package sent free by mail. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. W. D. Olney.

A Good Investment.

On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50 cents.

ELY BROTHERS.

56 Warren St., New York City. I suffered from Catarrh three years. It got so bad I could not work. I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well. I would not be without it.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Avenue, Boston.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The famous signature of Dr. H. H. H. is on every wrapper.

Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of Dr. H. H. H.'s Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

A Famous German Doctor's Work.

Consumption is now known to be curable if taken in time—the German remedy known as Otto's Cure, having been found to be an almost certain cure for the disease. Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Coughs, Colds, Pneumonia, and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured by Dr. Otto's Great German Remedy. Sample bottles of Otto's Cure are being given away by our agent, J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, near Post Office. Large bottles 50 and 25c.

A Great Medicine Given Away.

J. J. Chambers is now giving free to all a trial package of the great herbal remedy, Baron's Celery King. If ladies suffering from nervous disorders, and constipation will use this remedy they will soon be free from the headaches and ailments that have caused them so much suffering. It is a perfect regulator. It quickly cures biliousness, indigestion, eruptions of the skin and all blood diseases. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never your mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "It was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g-g." W. D. Olney.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures.

That is what it was made for.



Time Table in Effect Sept. 13th, 1896.

NORTH BOUND.

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## THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF ORANGE COUNTY'S SUPERVISORS.

**The Ratio Committee's Report Adopted—A Country Road Resolution Offered—Committees to Apportion Taxes—The Taxation of Trust Companies—The Arrests of Tramps in Chester.**

Bloomington, Joseph E. Board  
Chester, G. W. Fredericks  
Cornwall, G. W. Fredericks  
Crawford, G. W. Fredericks  
Deerpark, G. W. Fredericks  
Goshen, G. W. Fredericks  
Hawthorne, G. W. Fredericks  
Highland, G. W. Fredericks  
Middletown, G. W. Fredericks  
Newburgh, G. W. Fredericks  
New Windsor, G. W. Fredericks  
Tuxedo, G. W. Fredericks  
Waldkill, G. W. Fredericks  
Wawarsing, G. W. Fredericks  
Woodbury, G. W. Fredericks

**GOSHEN, Dec. 4.**—The Ratio Committee submitted its report, yesterday, and it was adopted, to-day, with three votes against it. Messrs. Ketchum, Post and Wells and three not voting, Messrs. Loughran, Smith and Brooks.

There was no discussion, and the report passed without any excitement.

On motion of Mr. Thompson the price of board for prisoners confined in the Goshen jail and Newburgh jail was placed at \$3.25 per week.

The following resolution relating to good roads was introduced by Mr. Ketchum, of Cornwall. It will be of interest, as it is the first gun fired in the local legislature in favor of good roads:

Whereas, In the consensus of public opinion it appears to be clearly decided that the one thing lacking in Orange county is a system of good roads, therefore be it,

Resolved, That in pursuance of Chapter 43 of the Laws of 1893, we adopt the county road system and designate the following highways as county roads, i. e. The road leading from Newburgh to Tuxedo Park, via New Windsor, Moodna, Cornwall, Mountbainville, Woodbury, Central Valley, Arden and Tuxedo to the Rockland county line—being the great line of travel in Orange county between Newburgh and the metropolises.

Also the road leading from Newburgh to Middletown, via Quassaic avenue, Vail's Gate, Salisbury Mills, Washingtonville, Chester and Goshen and Denton to Middletown city, being the great avenue of travel between the county seat and the two larger cities of Orange county.

And that we cause such designation and a map of such county roads to be filed in the office of the county clerk.

And be it further resolved that there be and that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for this purpose for the ensuing year.

This resolution went over under the rule until Monday.

The Chairman appointed the following committees to apportion the different taxes:

State tax—Fredericks, Board and Tutbill.  
School tax—Lawson, Harrison and Bradley.

Insane tax—Boyd, Wells, Roberson.  
Then followed a long discussion about the taxes of trust companies. Mr. Boyd asked that some method of procedure be established in this matter and the following resolution offered by Mr. Bradley was adopted:

Resolved, That the State tax be levied in full on all taxable property in the several towns and cities. Where incorporated companies have already paid their one and one-half per cent to the State. Comptroller such receipts shall be received by the several tax collectors as cash for the credit of such incorporated companies, but in no case shall the receipt be allowed for a greater sum than the tax assessed against personal property of said corporations.

Mr. Fredericks called up the matter of the arrest of tramps in Chester. The question was as to whether they were town or county charges. It was referred to the Law Committee with the request to report before Tuesday next.

The Board then adjourned until Monday.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., Chooses Officers for the Coming Year.

Lancelot Lodge, No. 1439, K. of P., last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

P. C.—R. S. Morgan  
V. C.—R. S. Morgan  
P. C.—R. S. Morgan  
V. C.—R. S. Morgan  
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## Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be a most reliable remedy for the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Shallow, Irritable, Melancholy or troubled with Doxy Spasms, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. 50 cents and \$1.00 at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

The length of the nose has increased by increasing its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be prevented by promptly using Our Minute Cough Cure. W. D. Olney.

## UP THE MIDLAND.

**Sheep Stealers Fined—A King of Acid Manufacturers—Low Prices for Bark—Too Many Horses in Orange County—The Pioneer in the Summer Boarding Business—Acid Manufacturing and Politics.**

Correspondence ARDS and MERRY.

—Charles Tompkins and Wm. Kortright have been cutting wood for some time past in the town of Rockland. They have been cutting wood near the farm of Chas. Foot, who keeps sheep. They killed one of Mr. Foot's sheep and behead them arrested and brought before Squire Darbee, who fined them \$15, but before the fine was paid they got away and are now at liberty.

—Arthur Leighton, the well known acid manufacturer, has purchased the Holcomb factory at Cook's Falls and is putting in steam to cheapen the cost of manufacture. Mr. Leighton will soon be acid king along the O. and W., and in less than ten years will be one of the most extensive farmers in the State as he is now adding not less than one hundred acres to his farm land each year or as fast as the wood is needed for his factories.

—Prices for hemlock bark have not been so low since before the war as they are to-day, and when we consider that footwear is as high to-day as it was ten years ago and bark not more than one-quarter as plenty it goes without saying that the leather trust is making a heap of money out of the dear people.

—Were it not for the fact that there are so many horses kept in Orange county it would be the richest agriculturally of any county of its size in the world. Said a well known resident of your county to me the other day: "I plead guilty to being horse poor myself, as I have six and only work for two, and they are eating their heads off every day. I actually believe," said the gentleman, "that our Orange county farmers spend more time in keeping their horses' legs from sticking than in all their other farm work together."

—The pioneer in the summer boarding business in this section was beyond a doubt James Murdock, of, at the time, Shin Creek, now Lewbeach. He began keeping boarders and fishermen long before the O. and W. was thought of, and when the only way to reach his place from New York was by the Erie to Callison Depot and then by a stage ride of thirty-six miles over a none too good road. The trout fishing in that vicinity was so good in those days that it was thought no hardship to go so far after the game fish. Mr. Murdock is now eighty-two years old and as active as many are at fifty. He is nursing with care a bursting purse, a good share of the contents of which was made from the summer boarder.

—All, or nearly all, the acid manufacturers voted for McKinley and a gold standard. They also gave their workmen to understand that in the event of Republican success they would be in clover. A change has since come over the vision of their dream and they find instead of more work and higher wages that they have less to do, and that those who do work have been cut down in their wages, not only about the factories but in the woods, as where they were paid ninety cents or \$1 a cord for cutting a year ago, they now get only seventy-five or eighty cents, and but little wood will be cut at these low prices. The laboring man and the farmer, a vast majority of them at least, seem willing to be duped by the politician and the monopolist.

## Who Has the Biggest Buffalo Head?

Jacob Gunther, who owns one of the finest buffalo heads in the country, has had his attention called to a challenge printed in *Recreation*, a sporting journal, in which a man posts \$25 to back his opinion that he has the largest buffalo head in existence. The challenger gives his measurements, and Mr. Gunther, finding that his specimen is fully two inches larger in all the measurements than the one in question, has written *Recreation* offering to bet \$100 that he has the largest buffalo head in existence.

## Hospital Sunday in the Churches.

One week from to-morrow will be "Hospital Sunday" in the churches of this city, when it is expected, of course, that the collections, which will go to Third Hospital, will be more than usually liberal. We trust that all will bear this in mind and go prepared to do all they can for one of Middletown's most worthy institutions.

We know of but one community in the world where dyspepsia is practically unknown, and that is the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. These good people have been studying the subject of digestion for more than a hundred years, and that they understand it pretty thoroughly, is evidenced in the foregoing fact. Their Digestive Cordial is the safest and best remedy in cases of indigestion that we know of. A trial bottle can be had through your druggists for the trifling sum of 10 cents.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies the system with food already digested, and at the same time aids the digestion of other foods. It will almost instantly relieve the ordinary symptoms of indigestion, and no sufferer need to be told what these are.

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To cure old colds, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. W. D. Olney.

## Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by LaGrippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass. says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 60 Cortlandt street, N. Y.

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Dec. 5, '96.

Yesterday	Today	Close
Sugar.....	115 1/4	116
Tobacco.....	76 1/4	75
Chicago Gas.....	76 1/4	76 1/4
Nat. Lead.....	26 1/4	26 1/4
General Electric.....	32 1/4	32 1/4
U. S. L. pref.....	62 1/2	62
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	29	29
A. T. & S. F.....	14 1/4	14 1/4
C. E. & Q.....	78 1/4	78 1/4
C. M. & St. P.....	75 1/4	75
R. I.....	69 1/4	69 1/4
D. L. & W.....	106	106
C. of N. J.....	104 1/4	104 1/4
Erie.....	128	128
D. and H.....	154	154
O. & W.....	104	104
Susquehanna & West, pref.....	27	27
P. & R.....	29 1/4	29 1/4
N. W.....	106 1/4	106
L. S.....	154 1/4	154 1/4
N. Y. C.....	95 1/4	95 1/4
M. P.....	22 1/4	22 1/4
Texas.....	10	10
U. P.....	104 1/4	114
U. S. Union.....	58 1/4	58 1/4
Manhattan.....	50 1/4	50 1/4
P. M.....	26 1/4	26 1/4
Wabash, pref.....	17	17 1/4
No. Pacific, pref.....	24 1/4	24 1/4
W. L.....	8 1/4	8 1/4
Southern R.....	31	30 1/4
Southern, pref.....	31	30 1/4
May Wheat.....	81	82 1/4
May Corn.....	26 1/4	26 1/4
May Oats.....	21 1/4	21 1/4
Jan Pork.....	87 1/2	87 1/2
Jan Lard.....	3 3/4	3 3/4

Merit in medicine means the power to cure. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove its unequalled merit.

## DIED.

HOUSE—In this city, Dec. 5th, '96, Jesse P. House, aged fifty-two years.  
Funeral services Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock, at Ridgebury Methodist Church. Interment in family plot there.

Friends who wish to pay by the cash may call at funeral parlors of F. O. Rockafellow, 90 North street, Monday evening, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

F. O. ROCKAFELLOW, Undertaker and Embalmer, 90 North street. Telephone No. 19 and 22.  
New York office, 154 East 23d St.

KAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, corner West Main and James Sts.  
JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 124 North street. Five coaches to Mt. Pleasant. Ladies' assistants. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cortlandt street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 27 E. Jones street.

Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap Railroad Company.

## Second Mortgage Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that the bonds maturing Dec. 1st, 1896, will be extended to June 1st, 1900, at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually. Bondholders are requested to execute agreement at office of company, No. 28 Cortlandt street, New York city. A new coupon sheet has been prepared, to be attached to bonds, and if extension agreement is executed by a sufficient amount of the bondholders, the payment of the coupons will be guaranteed by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Company.  
EDW. E. GARDNER, Treasurer.

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HEADQUARTERS for Weather Strips at No. 1 Railroad avenue. Put them on now and keep warm.  
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\$18 A WEEK paid to reliable lady or gentleman. Easy and pleasant work; short hours; no experience necessary; permanent position; no capital required. Holiday presents a specialty. Address SHEPP & CO., 1020 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. 1td

BUY Holiday Goods early. Fine assortment at lowest prices. 386t DAYTON & SON.

BREAD Winner Cook Stove, size 8, first-class condition, and good baker; Skates and Fur Caps cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 48 East Main street.

TURKEY Raffle, to-night, at 14 Canal street, 1c

HOMESTEAD Building and Loan Association Regular meetings for collection of stock day and Tuesday evenings. Annual meeting Tuesday evening in Police Court Rooms. A new series will be started.  
H. J. LEONARD, Secretary

FOUR Rooms to let, \$8 per month. Stern Building, No. 13 North street. L. STERN.

## PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city. Electric Clear Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown.  
22d & My 20 N. D. MILLS, Prop.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontometer 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth \$6, \$8 and \$10. Twenty years' experience. 386t DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

TANSY, Penicillin and Cotton Root Pills (Prompt, safe and reliable—woman's friend. Agency at the Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North St. J. J. CHAMBERS, Prop.

YOU cannot walk on the points of nails with comfort under any circumstance. To have your shoes "SOLED" with the nailing process, at a small expense, CHAIRS, the shoemaker's new method dispenses with nailing.  
22 WEST MAIN STREET.

ROUND STEAK 12c., SHOULDER 10c., 6 LBS. 4c. WATCH WINDOWS Greening's, 13 E. MAIN ST. 58dt

PROF. LOUIS JESTER, Teacher of the Science of Music Art, and Physical Culture and Natural Development. Massage Treatment a specialty. Casino Building, 86a Main St.

CLAIRVOYANT—Prof. W. H. Sengendorf has left town and will return to Middletown the 7th of December and remain four days at Mr. Wm. Roe's, 37 James street.

DR. C. THIMME, Dentist over J. B. Swalm's grocery store, No. 12 East Main street. dt

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 33 Wm. Roe's. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable. 58dt FRED.

IF you are a hard drinker and wish to stop, but find that liquor has such a hold upon you that you cannot leave it alone, write to F. P. R., Box 101, Wurtsboro, N. Y., enclosing stamp, and you will receive full instructions of how to stop.

CHAMBERS, the druggist, guarantees Wild Cherry Cough Cure to cure or money will be refunded. Largest package on the market, 57c. 25c. Get it at the Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street. J. J. CHAMBERS, Prop.

PAPER Hanging at 12c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTIN, Shop 5 Academy Ave. dt

PORK chops 10 cents, home-made sausage 2 pounds 25 cents, other sausage 10c.; round steak 12 to 14c., shoulder steak 10c., 8 pounds for 50c., nice pot roasts 7c. to 9c., prime pot roast 8c. to 10c. J. H. MURPHY, 86dt Corner East avenue and Fulton street.

FOR SALE—A block of three houses, as a whole or separate, Nos. 209, 206 1/2, 206 North street. Three stories on first floor and flats above. 58dt See COMBS & WHITE R. 56 North St.

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PAINTING—Paper Hanging, Decorating—CHAS. J. KILB, Jr., 70 Academy avenue, is prepared to do work in the above lines, in the best style and at reasonable rates. An experience of several years in New York City enables him to guarantee first-class work. 58dt

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres of choice land, ten miles east of Newburgh, with good seven-room house and outbuildings, two good wells, a young orchard. Parties want to go west. For further information enquire of Benjamin W. W. PRISTON, Clarkson, Iowa.

FOR RENT—Four rooms, first floor, double house on Wawarsing avenue, corner West and 1st. Your own price until April 1st. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, No. 18 East Main street.

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FOR RENT—The two front offices and one in the rear of the Wilcox Building, 57 North street, all connecting, adjoining the postoffice, now occupied by Banks & Moore. The location is one of the best in the city. Possession given Dec. 1st. dtb. Th. Sat. H. R. WILCOX.

## NEW MEAT MARKET.

The new organized has opened a Meat Market at 121 East Main street, and is now ready for business. A full line of fresh and salt meats, poultry, etc., will be kept constantly on hand. Prices correct. Give me a call. E. G. MEDRICK. 68dt

## TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for building of a gallery, etc., at the State Armory at Middletown, N. Y., will be received by mail or in person, up to 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, December 11th, 1896, at the State Armory, 35th Street and 7th Avenue, New York city, at which time and place bids will be opened.

Proposals must be for the whole work. Plans and specifications can be seen at the State Armory, 35th Street and 7th Avenue, New York city; also at the Middletown Armory until and including Thursday, December 10th, 1896. JOHN S. FLETCHER, Brig. Gen'l and Chief of Ordnance, N. Y.

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Our \$14 Cloaks \$8.50, our \$12 Cloaks \$7, our \$10 Cloaks \$6. Elegant Plush Cape, lined with changeable silk, \$6.50.

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Show you this pretty line of Holiday Stuff in our new store. We are sure you won't mind when you see them here and the prices.

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## NECKWEAR—

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Most numbers last of the cheap edition, 50c. each.

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Still a few pieces of that special lot at 16 cents, from 2 inches to 3 inches wide.

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In good variety. A Japanese Doll at 1 cent, an 18 inch Doll at 10 cents. Dressed Dolls 5 cents to \$1. Large Japanese Dolls 50 cents.

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Direct from the mal prs to you in some cases at the wholesale prices, 15 cents to \$1.50.

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are on last counter, right side, divided into two lots at 5 and 10 cents.

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of a well-known brand, fully guaranteed, 51 quality, our price 25 cents.